

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of ALEXIS SKINNER, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

MERCEDES SKINNER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON,

Respondent.

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May 28, 1999

No. 206648

Macomb Juvenile Court

LC No. 96-042317 NA

Before: Griffin, P.J., and Cavanagh and Fitzgerald, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974; *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Respondent-appellant does not address the issue whether termination was clearly not in the child's best interests apart from arguing that the court lacked the authority to consider the best interests question where there was no statutory basis for termination. See MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). However, because a statutory basis existed for termination, this issue is

without merit. Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald